

# Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The friends of Miss Ellen Stone, the missionary held captive by Bulgarian bandits, have made an appeal for money with which to pay the \$10,000 demanded to prevent her threatened execution on the 9th.

Mrs. Roosevelt has appointed Miss Belle Hagner, daughter of Justice Hagner, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, her social secretary. Miss Hagner acted in the same capacity for Mrs. McKinley.

The first of the five submarine boats of the Holland type, building at Barrow-in-Furness for the British government, was launched, on the 2d, without ceremony. The other four boats will be ready for launching this year.

The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for September, 1901, the receipts amounted to \$44,454,422, and the expenditures to \$32,310,736, leaving a surplus for the month of \$12,123,686.

The monthly statement of the public debt, issued on the 1st, showed that at the close of business September 30, 1901, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,031,524,365, a decrease for the month of \$4,825,401.

Herr Panzer, of Berlin, editor of the anarchist sheet Neues Leben, received notice, on the 2d, that he would be prosecuted for public incitement to acts of violence. The incriminating matter appeared in an article on the assassination of President McKinley.

The marriage contract between Miss Helen Morton, daughter of Levi P. Morton, former vice-president of the United States, and Count Bonon de Perigord, a son of the duke of Talleyrand-Perigord, was signed in Paris, on the 1st, in the presence of the two families.

The receipts of the German imperial post and telegraph department for the first five months of the present year aggregated 167,134,031 marks, or an increase of almost nine million marks, upon the receipts for the corresponding period of last year. This is regarded as remarkable in view of the reduction of railroad receipts.

A report, issued on the 3d, by the United States geological survey, shows that the total value of minerals of all kinds produced in this country in 1900 was \$1,070,108,889. The total value of the metallic products was \$535,418,227; the non-metallic \$516,690,662, and estimated value of mineral products unspecified, \$1,000,000.

At Lacrosse, Kas., E. J. Smiley, of Topeka, secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association, was, on the 4th, fined \$500 and sentenced to three months in jail for violation of the state grain laws. He was charged with entering into combination with grain dealers in Rush county to pool and fix prices and prevent competition among grain buyers.

The American Tin Plate Co. has adopted a policy of conciliation toward its employees who were recently engaged in the steel strike. While the terms of the settlement of the strike do not permit the recognition of the Amalgamated association, not the slightest discrimination, it is officially stated, will be allowed against the old men when they return to work.

Complying with an invitation to recommend someone for superintendent of the live stock division of the St. Louis World's fair, President John W. Springer of the National Live Stock association, on the 2d, on behalf of his organization, endorsed Hon. C. E. Thomas, secretary of the American Hereford Breeders' association, Independence, Mo., for this important position.

The department of agriculture has finally succeeded in securing the Jordan almond, exportation of which has been rigorously prohibited by Spain for some years, and this government now will experiment with it to determine the best localities for growing it. This species of almond is regarded by the agricultural authorities as the finest in the world.

In the fastest and most superb contest ever sailed by single stickers for the America's cup, the Columbia vanquished in a piping breeze, over a triangular course, on the 3d, the challenger, Shamrock II. The wind at times had a force of about eighteen knots. Shamrock was beaten over the 30-mile course by 2 minutes and 52 seconds, actual time, and 3 minutes, 27 seconds, corrected time.

Twelve hundred men and boys went on strike at Natal (Pa.) colliery, on the 3d, to force the Shamokin Coal Co. to erect James Bateman, an ex-foreman, from a company house at Natalie. Bateman gained the enmity of a number of miners several months ago, and they headed a strike for his discharge. They succeeded in having Bateman dismissed, and they now demand that he be drifted from the village.

The London Daily Express, on the 4th, called Commodore Morgan and Sir Thomas Lipton, suggesting that they arrange a race with the Columbia's crew on board the Shamrock, and the crew of the challenger on board the defender, with a view of ascertaining definitely just how much of the credit for victory belonged to the skipper and crew and how much to the designer and builder of the Columbia.

The Columbia won the third and decisive race from Shamrock II., off Sandy Hook, on the 4th, but so close was the call that but for the time allowance of 43 seconds she would have been compelled to doff her colors to the plucky Englishman. The Shamrock II. made the race a few seconds faster than the Columbia, but owing to her 800 odd feet of extra canvas was handicapped by the time allowance which saved the race and the cup to America.

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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

### NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

**PERSONAL AND GENERAL.**  
A passenger train on the Montana Central was wrecked about thirty miles west of Great Falls, Mont., on the 4th. The engine, baggage car and a day coach left the track. Engineer Smith and baggage man Morris were probably fatally injured.

Rev. Cecil F. P. Bancroft, for 28 years the head of Phillips-Andover, died at Andover, Mass., on the 4th. He was a graduate of Dartmouth college and of Andover Theological seminary. He was principal of the Lookout Mountain (Tenn.) institute for five years, and had been principal of Phillips academy since 1872.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 4th, showed: Available cash balance, \$171,081,704; gold, \$102,639,955.

R. G. Dun & Co. reported on the 4th: "Failure for the week number 205 in the United States, against 208 for the corresponding week last year, and 37 in Canada, against 23 last year."

Dr. Samuel J. Jones, for 25 years professor of ophthalmology and otology at Northwestern university, Chicago, died, on the 4th, of stomach trouble, aged 65 years.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew admits that he may many months have passed he will again enter the bonds of matrimony. His fiancée is Miss May Palmer, a New York lady, who has resided abroad for the most part.

France is disturbed over a deficient wheat harvest, a deficiency all the worse as the grain is very inferior in quality. Wheat has risen 48 cents per quintal (220.46 pounds) and the price of a quarter-loaf of bread has already advanced from 12.5 cents to 13.5 cents.

Sir Thomas Lipton has failed to lift the America's cup, and it is further spiked down with three straight wins by Columbia over Shamrock II. The last victory, won on the 4th, was a close one, being gained by only 40 out of the 43 seconds time allowance on account of excess of sail area on the Shamrock.

Miss Helen Long, youngest daughter of Secretary of the Navy Long, died at her home at Hingham, Mass., on the 4th, of consumption. Miss Long had been suffering from a pulmonary trouble since the winter of 1898.

Rear Admiral Schley retires from active service, by age limit, October 9. His retirement will be followed by the promotion of Captains Wilde and Glass to the rank of rear admiral.

The Third Baptist church of Owensboro, Ky., has devised a way to insure the payment of the church debt, amounting to \$40,000. The lives of 20 young men of the congregation are to be insured and the policies made payable to the church. The policies are to be for \$2,000 each, ten year plan, the church paying the premiums.

Capt. Bookmiller, Ninth infantry, reports the destruction of the town of Balangiga, Samar island, where the recent treacherous attack on Company C of that regiment was made. The insurgents secured 57 serviceable rifles and 28,000 cartridges, which are likely to be heard from later.

The farmers' national congress, at Sioux Falls, S. D., on the 3d, elected the following officers: President, George L. Flanders, Albany, N. Y.; vice-president, Col. Harvey Jordan, Monticello, Ga.; treasurer, J. H. Reynolds, Adrian, Mich.; secretary, John M. Stahl, Chicago; assistant secretaries, E. A. Ohlman, Albany, N. Y.; Joel M. Roberts, Nebraska.

The Manchester Guardian says the American visitors to the Methodist ecumenical conference, who never drank intoxicants, were greatly disturbed to see English ex-presidents of the Wesleyan conference enjoying their cigars and glasses of champagne and whisky and soda.

Failures in the United States, reported by R. G. Dun & Co., for the nine months of 1901, number 8,144, with an aggregate indebtedness of \$97,856,416. In the same months of 1900 the number was slightly smaller, (7,895), but the amount of liabilities was much heavier, \$133,234,988.

The round-bale plant of the American Cotton Co., at Morrilton, Ark., was destroyed by fire on the 3d. A building containing 250 tons of seed was also consumed, as were the seed-houses of the Arkansas Cotton Oil Co. and the Consumers' Oil Co.

Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president, will attend St. John's Episcopal church, opposite the White House, on Lafayette square, Washington, and will occupy the pew that has been set aside in that edifice for many years for presidents of the United States.

It is stated at the office of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock that the announcement which has been made that the Fort Hall Indian reservation, in Idaho, would be opened on the old "sooner" system was premature and without authority.

The first snowfall of the season and the earliest for 30 years, was reported from Warsaw, Ind., and Lima, O., on the 3d. Half an inch fell, but it speedily disappeared before the noon-day sun.

For eleven months Lena Martin has been confined in the Nebraska penitentiary, occupying a cell with a male prisoner. She was convicted and sentenced, as a man, for horse stealing, under the name of Bert Martin. Requiring the attention of the prison physician, the secret was told.

Late dispatches from Durban, Natal, say that in the recent attack by Gen. Botha's force of 4,000 men on Forts Prospect and Itala, in Zululand, the Boers, after 19 hours' desperate fighting, left 332 dead on the field, carried many off and admit having 300 wounded. The approach of Gen. Bruce Hamilton caused them to retire.

With wind and sea exactly to his liking, on the 3d, Sir Thomas Lipton saw Columbia beat her Shamrock II. over a triangular course, by 3 minutes and 35 seconds, in the fastest race ever sailed in a cup contest. Sir Thomas, while badly disappointed, declared Columbia to be "the most remarkable boat that ever spread sails."

Secretary of War Root was shown the dispatch quoting Secretary Gage saying that Secretary Hay might leave the cabinet and be succeeded as secretary of state by Mr. Root. The latter smilingly intimated that somebody had been indulging their fancy overmuch.

President Roosevelt has put a quietus upon the agitation for an enlarged and modernized White House. He told the clerk of the senate district committee that neither he nor Mrs. Roosevelt desired any changes or alterations in the mansion, as the building suited him, both as a residence and as an official home.

**LATE NEWS ITEMS.**  
A dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., on the 6th, said: "The steamship Glencoe brings news of human flesh being freely sold in the famine district of Shan Si, China. It brings 180 cash per catty of one and one-third pounds. Babies and young children are being butchered. The empress dowager has commanded that the practice be stopped, but is able to enforce her orders only around Peking."

A gang of highway robbers, on the night of the 5th, successfully held up and robbed the occupants of three carriages, including several prominent business men from Madison, S. D., while presumably en route to Lake Herman, three miles west of Madison. A pitched battle was waged, but the tourists were relieved of their valuables, about five hundred dollars in cash and all their jewelry.

Four Panhandle trainmen met death near Onward, Ind., on the 6th, in a rear-end collision of freight trains. The bodies of three were taken out badly mutilated, and the fourth was almost entirely consumed before the wrecking crew could subdue the flames of the burning wreck sufficiently to permit work in that portion of the debris.

Steamer advices, received on the 6th, say that the coast of Kazusa, northern Japan, had been visited by heavy gales, wrecking 400 fishing boats. Twelve boats with total crews of 74 were missing. Heavy rains caused an overflow of the rivers of Hokkaido, washing away 600 houses and submerging many villages.

The court of appeals of Kentucky having granted ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers and James Howard new trials, the case of the former was convicted over a year ago as accessory to the murder of William Goebel in January, 1900, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The semi-annual conference of Mormon missionaries in London came to a close, on the 6th, with three services in the Finsbury town hall, which was crowded at each.

A dispatch from Sian Fu, on the 6th, announced that the imperial Chinese court had started for Kai Feng Fu.

William A. Heidecker, representing Murray A. Verner of Pittsburgh, Pa., has presented to the municipal council of St. Petersburg a memorial offering to take over the entire surface traction system of that city, and to form a company, under Russian law, with a capital of 100,000,000 roubles to operate the same. The lines will be largely extended and electrified. The prospects of a favorable answer are excellent.

Within sight almost of the home in which she had grown to womanhood, the body of Miss Helen Long, daughter of Secretary John D. Long, was laid at rest, on the 7th, in the old Hingham (Mass.) cemetery. The grave was simply blanketed with flowers. The funeral was very simple in its arrangements, and was attended by immediate relatives and personal friends and a few men in public life.

The county courthouse at Alexandria, S. D., was burned, on the 6th, together with nearly all the county records. The loss on the building was about thirty thousand dollars. The lost records can not be replaced, in many instances, and the damage will be irreparable.

The supreme court of Colorado has cited the members of the state board of assessors, which was created by the new revenue law, to appear, on the 4th, to answer to the charge of contempt in proceeding with the assessment in disregard of the court's order.

The annual report of Thomas Fitchie, inspector of immigration at New York, has been transmitted to the treasury department. The report shows that the number of aliens arriving during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, was 453,496.

Emperor William left Roumoutin, on the 7th, having killed 21 stags during the fortnight he spent there. He went to Hubertusstock, the imperial hunting lodge near Eberswalde, to continue deer stalking for several days.

The final figures as to the exports from all Germany to the United States during the third quarter of the present year, show a total of \$24,722,767, or an increase of \$858,962.

The next Japanese budget, according to a dispatch from Tokyo, will probably show a surplus of 21,000,000 yen, which will be applied to a reduction of the debt.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### Bought the Old Family Home.

Mr. J. E. Elmore, who is engaged in grading the roadbed of the Illinois Southern railroad through the hills of Ste. Genevieve county, has just accomplished one of the leading aims of his life, in having purchased the old Bruce farm, three miles from Shuckelford, in Saline county. The farm contains 400 acres, and Mr. Elmore paid \$48,000 for it. Shortly after the war Mr. Elmore's father moved on the farm, where he remained for a number of years under the terms of a lease, and where he partially reared his family. When they left it J. E. Elmore, who was then quite a youth, resolved that if he ever got enough money together he would buy the farm. After a lapse of 25 years he has accomplished his purpose.

### Calf of Strange Habits.

St. Louis physiologists think that a calf of which Tom A. Vedder, of Ardmore, T., writes, is the most remarkable animal of the kind that ever existed, if it really exists. According to Mr. Vedder, the calf feeds itself and secures its nutrition from the end of its tail. Vedder's letter follows:

Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 25.—St. Louis Republic, St. Louis: Dear Sirs:—I write to tell you there is a calf outside the ordinary, every-day calf. It is a red male, about 30 pounds, and in good health. When it comes his time to milk, he will suck his tail and get milk from it. You can see the end of his tail and the milk will stream from it, and when he is full he will suck his tail and his sides white with milk. Can you find a buyer for it? If you think best, I will have a photo taken and send you a copy.

### Dependent Over Failure of Crops.

Joseph Wunderlich, a prosperous farmer southwest of Hermann, Gasconade county, committed suicide by putting the muzzle of a shotgun in his mouth and pulling the trigger. The top of his head was blown off. He was dependent on account of the failure of crops, as he had no feed for his horses and cattle.

### Recent Deaths.

Dr. W. P. Wright, at his home in Lowry City, Saint Clair county.

Mrs. Sallie Horn Harvey, wife of James Harvey, a prominent farmer near Armstrong, Howard county.

Jacob Hartmiller, aged 61, oldest hardware dealer in Lebanon.

### Could Not Fight Fire.

Fire broke out in the residence portion of Boonville, the other day, and when the fire companies arrived it was found that the hose had been cut and it could not be used. The hose was mangled, and had never been used at a fire.

### Picked Out the Wrong One.

John G. Adams, an iron-worker, assaulted A. A. Muench, a Doniphan (Kas.) farmer, at St. Joseph, whereupon the farmer set upon him, broke seven ribs and tore a kidney loose. Adams will die, Muench was not arrested.

### Found Dead in His Field.

Kimbrogh Hopper, a farmer, who lived near Armstrong, Howard county, was found dead in his cornfield, having been shot. He had a shotgun with him, and it is not known whether it was murder or suicide.

### Buried at His Old Home.

The remains of Sergt. Chauncey A. Kitchen, who was killed in battle in the Philippines, were buried at his former home in Kirkwood, St. Louis county, with military honors.

### Dreaded the Separation.

E. Whitehead, aged 71, committed suicide, by shooting, at the home of his son in Callaway county. He grew melancholy because his son was going to move to Oklahoma.

### Honored by Dockery.

Gov. Dockery has honored a requisition issued on him by the governor of Alabama for the return of Andrew Thompson, wanted at Florence, Ala., for burglary.

### Hanged Himself to a Beam.

Sebastian Wenzler, a laborer, committed suicide at St. Louis, by hanging to a beam in a cattle pen. His body was found Sunday morning.

### Killed by a Cave-In.

E. W. Wagner, a laborer employed in digging a sewer at Joplin, was covered up by a cave-in, and died before his companions could release him.

### Tragedy at Sweet Springs.

Miss Minnie May was shot and fatally wounded by Will Thomas, at the home of Charles Aldridge, near Sweet Springs. Jealousy was the cause.

### Will Fight the Trust.

The St. Joseph Plow Co. has refused to enter the Plow trust, and has announced its intention of fighting the "octopus," it is said.

### Shooting at Trenton.

A brawl at Trenton ended in a shooting affray, in which Clarence Royston was fatally wounded by Harry Reno. Reno was arrested.

### Two Years for Forgery.

Vernon Bently, son of a minister, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, in the criminal court at St. Joseph, and was given two years.

### Boonville Contractor Drowned.

James W. Roberts, aged 42, a well-known contractor of Boonville, was drowned in the Missouri river at that town, the other day.

### Shot From Ambush.

Len Mitchell was shot and instantly killed by an unknown person at Leasburg, Crawford county. No cause is known for the killing.

### Married Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Weeke, 2334 Hebert street, St. Louis, celebrated their golden wedding. Their three children were present.

### Boy Sentenced to Penitentiary.

May Delph, a boy only 16, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Chillicothe. He has a long criminal record.

### Killing at Kansas City.

Charles Hudspeth, of Mason City, Ill., shot and killed Charles Curry, of Lexington, at Kansas City. Jealousy was the cause.

### Killed by Lightning.

During an electrical storm at Elsberry, Dave Pence was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning.

## PUZZLES THE DOCTORS.

### A Remarkable Case of "Situs Viscerum Inversus" Revealed at St. Louis.

### ONLY A FEW SUCH CASES ARE RECORDED

### The Patient Died Because of Inability of the Doctors to Diagnose His Case Properly Owing to the Complete Reversal of All of His Interior Organs.

St. Louis, Oct. 6.—The case of Arthur Zimmerman, 22 years old, who died at the city hospital, presents a complete reversal of the natural order of anatomical arrangement, in that all of his organs which normally should have been on his right side were on his left side, an vice versa.

Physicians say it is an anomaly so rare that only scattered instances are to be found in medical books. Dr. Nietert, superintendent of the city hospital, says that he remembers no such case since he has been at the hospital, and that he regards this one as most interesting.

Zimmerman became ill about a week ago at his home. A physician was called in, but the case was puzzling. There was apparently intestinal inflammation of a kind similar to appendicitis, but the seat of the trouble appeared to be on the left side of the body. Accordingly, a diagnosis of appendicitis seemed out of the question.

Zimmerman became worse, and his physician decided to have him removed to the city hospital, where an operation could be performed. Dr. Nietert performed the operation. He found that a general peritonitis had set in, and that the source of infection was on the left side, as the external appearance had indicated. But he was astonished to discover that the source of infection was in the appendix, and that the appendix was on the left side. The appendix was removed, but the disease was too far advanced for Zimmerman to benefit by the surgeon's skill, and he died.

A post-mortem showed that not alone was the appendix transposed. The heart was on the right side instead of the left; the right lung, with its three lobes, was on the left side, and the left lung, with its two lobes, was on the right side instead of the left; the liver was on the left side instead of the right, and the spleen was on the right side instead of the left.

Dr. Louis Rasseus said that the scientific name for such a case is "situs viscerum inversus." "I never heard of such an instance before," said he, "though a few are recorded. I don't think that the transposition of the organs had any connection with the appendicitis. That was merely a coincidence."

### ONE HUGE CHARNEL HOUSE.

Awful Mortality that is Rapidly Depopulating the Aleutian Islands—Unburied Dead.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The rapid decline of the native population of the Aleutian chain of islands is told in a report just received by the Marine Hospital service from F. J. Thornbury, its assistant surgeon at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The report says that formerly there were 20 villages on the islands with a native population variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,500. Now, in the same district there are only ten villages and 1,000 inhabitants, exclusive of whites, of whom 300 are creoles (mixed breeds with Russian and other nationalities) and 700 Aleuts.

The report says: "Last year, Unalaska had 353 inhabitants, 116, or nearly one-third, of whom died. According to data obtained from the Russian priest of the Greek Catholic church, Rev. P. Kasheroff, who has the only mortuary records kept in the village, there being no health officer or even physician, 30 deaths were ascribed to 'cold,' 24 to consumption, 33 to measles, seven to old age, and five were drowned.

"The remarkable mortality from measles among the natives in Alaska during the past year appears ascribable largely to the bad sanitary environment and lack of precaution against exposure.

"On the Kuskokwi and in other sections on the mainland, from one-half to two-thirds of the natives died and many were left unburied in the mud houses where they lived, surviving members immediately deserting the huts which latter often contain from one to two dozen natives living regardless of family relations.

"As many as half a dozen dead bodies have been seen by prospectors in a single hovel, and numerous dead bodies were seen lying about on the ground partly eaten by the foxes."

### Most Not Given a License.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Last advice from the Philippines indicate that the military authorities intend to take prompt and vigorous measures for the suppression of the insurrection in the island of Samar, and that attention will be directed, first, to the summary punishment of the treacherous natives who took part in the massacre of Co. C, of the Ninth infantry, at Balangiga. There is, therefore, every prospect that the island of Samar will be the theater of active hostilities for some time to come.

### To Extend His English Holdings.

New York, Oct. 6.—Richard Croker is negotiating for the purchase of the Ham estate of 170 acres adjoining his Moat House property, and extending from Letombe to the outskirts of Wantage, says a Wantage correspondent of the World.

### To Visit Abdul Hamid.

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Prince Adalbert of Prussia will arrive at Constantinople October 30, on board the German training ship Charlotte, to pay a visit to Abdul Hamid.

## MISSOURI FARMERS.

Indications are That a Large Acage of Wheat Will be Sown—Last Bulletin of the Season.

Columbia, Mo., Sept. 30.—The United States department of agriculture climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Missouri section, for the week ending September 30, says:

The week just closed averaged decidedly warmer than usual throughout the state with a high percentage of sunshine. Quite heavy showers fell in a few of the southwestern counties on the 25th and 26th, and moderately heavy rains are reported in a few of the northern counties, but over much the greater portion of the state the rainfall, up to Saturday evening, was very light, many of the southeastern counties receiving none.

Special reports regarding fall seeding indicate that in a majority of the northern and western counties one-half to nine-tenths of the wheat crop has been sown, with the soil in excellent condition, and the early sown is up and looking fine, but in many of the east-central and southern counties the ground has been too dry and little seeding has been done. In some of the eastern and southern counties it is feared that wheat that has sprouted will perish unless rain comes soon.

In many localities in the central and southern counties little more than half the land intended for wheat has been plowed. Reports indicate that, with favorable weather conditions, an unusually large acreage of wheat will be sown in most sections.

Pastures are improving in a majority of the northern and western counties, and in some localities in the western and extreme southern counties they are reported in good condition; elsewhere they are still dry and bare.

In some sections considerable rye has been sown for pasturage.

Corn cutting is generally completed, except in some localities where recent rains have kept the latest corn green.

Cotton is opening rapidly in the southeastern counties, and picking continues under favorable conditions, but the crop is generally light. Boll worms have done considerable damage in Dunklin county.

Late potatoes are reported a complete failure, except in a very few counties.

Sorghum grown for molasses is generally very light and much of it of poor quality. In a few counties, however, a fair to good crop will be secured. In some sections the crop was considerably damaged by the recent frosts.

In some of the eastern counties turnips are dying from lack of moisture.

Late apples have improved in many of the western and some of the eastern counties, and in a number of the principal apple growing counties a good crop will be gathered. In many localities, however, they are still falling badly.

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NOTE—This will be the last weekly bulletin this season.

### BOERS BADLY BEATEN.

Defeated, With Heavy Losses, at Moedwill and at Fort Italia and Prospect.

London, Oct. 3.—Lord Kitchener reports that two officers and 31 men have been killed in an attack made on Col. Kekewich's camp at Moedwill. The Boers, who were under Commandants Delarey and Kemp, had 14 officers and 141 men wounded, after two hours' night fighting, when the Boers were driven off. Col. Kekewich was among the wounded.

The Boer reverse at Moedwill occurred September 29. The Boers are reported to have been 1,900 strong.

Lord Kitchener, in his dispatch, says the British repelled the attack with great vigor. Col. Kekewich was slightly wounded in two places. He says that all ranks have behaved extremely well. The wounded were taken to Rustenburg, halfway between Pretoria and Mafeking.

Lord Kitchener confirms the heavy losses of the Boers, about two hundred and fifty killed and 300 wounded during their attack on Fort Italia and Fort Prospect. He says the guns recently captured at Vlakfontein have been recovered from the Boers.